

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 18-28, 32-38 and 45-55 have been elected for examination. Claims 1-11, 18-28, 32-38, and 45-55 are rejected. Claims 1-11, 18, 19, 26, 32, 33, 36 and 53 have been amended. Claims 12-17, 29-31, 39-44 and 56-62 have been cancelled. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-11, 18-28, 32-38 and 45-55 is requested.

Specification

Applicant hereby requests entry of the amended paragraph, page 4, line 11, to correct an inadvertent typographical error.

Claim Objections

Claims 9, 26, 36, and 53 are objected to because of informalities.

Claims 9, 26, 36 and 53 have been amended to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner.

Claims Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-11, 18-28, 32-38 and 45-55 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Born et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,404,887) in view of Gupta et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,689,556) and in further view of Garakani et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0064168 A1).

Application 09/823,495 and Garakani were, at the time the invention of Application 09/823,495 was made, owned by Cisco Technology, Inc.

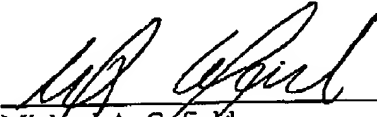
Garakani is not prior art for purposes of 35 USC 103. This is because Garakani at most resembles 35 USC 102(e) prior art (but is not necessarily even 102(e) prior art), and both Garakani and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, assigned to Cisco Technology, Inc (see rule 35 USC 103(c)). Thus, claims 1-11, 18-28, 32-38 and 45-55 should be allowed.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-11, 18-28, 32-38 and 45-55 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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